

YORKTOWN (CG-48)

TICONDEROGA (CG-47)-class Guided Missile Cruiser

Displacement: 9,915 tons (full load)

Length: 567'

Beam: 55'

Draft: 33' (max. navigational)

Speed: 30+ knots

Complement: 360

Armament: Mark (Mk) 7 Mod. 2 AEGIS Weapons System, 2 5-inch guns, 2 Mk 26 Missile Launch Systems, 2 HARPOON Missile Quad-Canister Launchers, 2 Mk 32 Torpedo Tubes, 2 Close In Weapons System (CIWS), 2-SLQ 32 V3.

Built By: Ingalls Shipbuilding Corp., Pascagoula, MS

Laid Down: 19 October 1981

Launched: 17 January 1983

Sponsor: Mrs. Mary Mathews, widow of the late Nick Mathews, restaurateur and a prominent citizen of Yorktown, VA

Commissioned: 4 July 1984

Decommissioned: 10 December 2004

Stricken: 10 December 2004

Disposition: Awaiting Disposition, Philadelphia, PA

NHL / NRHP Eligible: Not eligible for National Register listing.

SHIP HISTORY: History is in the early stages of preparation for the *Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships*.

AWARDS: 2 Navy Unit Commendations, 2 Meritorious Unit Commendations (1 as a unit of Mediterranean Carrier Battle Group 3-91), 1 Navy Expeditionary Medal, 7 Battle Efficiency (Navy E) Ribbons, 1 Humanitarian Service Medal (as element of Navy Construction Battalion Center Gulfport 20th Naval Construction Regiment), 3 Joint Meritorious Unit Awards (1 for Operation FIERY VIGIL), 1 Armed Forces Service Medal, 1 Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon.

NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS: YORKTOWN was the second ship to employ AEGIS, a revolutionary defensive radar that has been included in many subsequent cruiser and destroyer class vessels.

CRITERIA EVALUATION¹

- i. YORKTOWN was not awarded an individual Presidential Unit citation.

¹ Evaluation conducted using criteria established for Naval vessels in *Program Comment for the Department of Navy for the Disposition of Historic Vessels*, issued by the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation on 15 March 2010.

- ii. No individual act of heroism took place on board YORKTOWN which resulted in a Medal of Honor or Navy Cross award.
- iii. No President of the United States was assigned to YORKTOWN during his naval service.
- iv. YORKTOWN was not the first to incorporate engineering, weapons systems, or other upgrades that represented a revolutionary change in naval design or warfighting capabilities.
- v. No historic or socially significant events occurred on board YORKTOWN.

CONCLUSION: YORKTOWN meets none of the criteria established in the Program Comment, and is therefore ineligible for inclusion on the National Register.

SOURCES: Command History Reports, 1984-1989, 1995-2004, History and Archives Division, Naval History and Heritage Command.